

(d) and (e). Against the contracted quantity of around 33,330 MTs of newsprint during 1991-92, an overall quantity of 49,700 MTs (Provisional) of newsprint has been received which includes a quantity of 16,940 MTs as 'Carried Forward' from the previous year.

(f) No, Sir,

(g) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Inconvenience to Passengers at  
Ahmedabad Airport**

4986. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA:  
SHRI HARIN PATHAK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passengers coming from abroad are experiencing inconvenience at Ahmedabad airport at the hands of customs officials;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI  
RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply given in part (a) above.

(c) Customs Officers at all International airports are under instructions to be courteous and helpful to all International passengers. Senior officers of the departments are also available on the spot to oversee clearance operations.

**Development of Powerloom Sector**

4987. SHRIMATI BASAVA-  
RAJESWARI:  
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA  
RAJE:  
SHRI KASHI RAM RANA:  
SHRI KARIKEWAL PRASAD:  
SHRI R.SURENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased State-wise:

(a) The number of powerloom registered in the country as on date, State-wise:

(b) whether the powerlooms sector has remained unregulated for the last several years;

(c) If so, the reasons therefor and the number of units closed due to prevailing crises faced by these units, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up a fund exclusively for the development of the powerloom sector in the country;

(e) if so, whether this fund would be patterned after the Textile Modernisation Fund meant for the organised mill sector;

(f) if so, whether any norms have been laid down for the utilisation of this fund by the above sector;

(g) if so, the allocation of fund made so far to the States, State-wise; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK  
GEHLOT): (a) Number of looms registered as on 31.12.1991 is 11,34,966. The State-wise details are as given in the enclosed statement I.

(b) Registration of Powerloom was regulated after the announcement of Textile Policy in 1985.